

"3. VISION 2012

"Considerable effort has gone into our vision. Since 2002, 16 task forces have been created; most recently was the Gunther Collection. Over 250 people including citizens, business owners, staff and City councilmembers participated in many meetings. Much dialogue took place to make valuable recommendations. Diversity was encouraged in discussions where some were given the challenge to determine what the City should look like in five, ten and twenty years. Most task forces presented their findings within a four to six month time frame and made specific recommendations to the City Council which have been taken for further action. The five task forces still meeting include: Business Friendly, Commuter Rail, Gunther Collection, Public Safety Building and UTA Transit.

"Due to the work of the task forces, nine boards or commissions have been created by ordinance. They include: Economic Development, Heritage and Cultural Arts Advisory Board, Citizen Corps, Volunteers in Police Service, Citizens on Patrol, Neighborhood Watch, Neighborhood Pride, Community Emergency Response Teams, and the Golf Course Commission. Each board fulfills a niche that moves the City forward in their perspective area.

"Alvin Toffler once said, 'You've got to think about 'big things' while you're doing small things, so that all the small things go in the right direction.'"

"In 2006, Vision 2012 was implemented. Although we had the mission, values and focus areas, Vision 2012 gave us a structure that clearly defined goals in each focus area along with action steps to accomplish the goals. This has been a collaborative effort between the City Council, City staff and all City boards, commissions and task forces. We are excited about the endless possibilities with this community wide supported effort.

"With the creation of Vision 2012, the City Council refined the vision and created goals for each of the focus areas. Representatives from most City boards and commissions were assigned to a focus area. Each focus area was assigned a staff director level Champion to oversee the goals. The Champions include: Paul Larsen, Economic Development; Bruce Leonard, Quality of Life; Jim Buchanan, Public Safety and Blake Fannesbeck, Responsive Government. Each group consisting of volunteer stakeholders created action steps and time frames needed to meet the goals.

"Since the initial kickoff meeting in September of 2006, the Vision 2012 Stake Holders have made significant progress towards eclipsing Vision 2012. Over one third of the combined action steps have already been completed and over two thirds of them are in progress. The remaining action steps are being scheduled for future years. Vision 2012 is a tremendous program that will pay major dividends to this community. I would like to personally thank the Champions, staff support and every Stake Holder for contributing so much of their time and energy to this effort.

"Some may say why be so ambitious and create expectations that may or may not be achieved? I say to them, we have already seen success with over a third of the action steps completed. Vision 2012 continues to move us forward by giving us a clear map as to where we need to be in 2012. The action steps are defined with time lines that give us clear direction in reaching our destination. The following slides present more detail of each focus area.

"Focus Area One is Economic Development.

"The overriding goal is to increase the median income of Brigham City residents as a percentage of State median income by > 10% by 2012.

"Economic Development goals include:

- First, the main focus is to identify and recruit one targeted business each year in high technology and composites/aerospace industry. Economic Development and Community Development Project Areas will also be established through the New Business Development group.
- Second, we want to decrease business failures and losses through Business Retention and Expansion.
- Third, we are dedicated to change the nature of West Forest Street into a high quality employment and mixed-use gateway into Brigham City guided by the adopted West Forest Street conceptual plan. We are working with Box Elder County Commissioners on the property in front of the old landfill and a developer has been chosen.
- Fourth, we are determined to bring Commuter Rail to Brigham City by 2015.
- Fifth, we want to increase tourism related revenues (transient room tax) by 20%. This group is developing a relocation guide that will be distributed to those interested in locating to our County.
- Sixth, we are in final stages of creating an Airport Economic Development Project Area.
- Seventh, we're working to protect the Rocky Dugway and Devil's Gate trails.
- Eighth, for USU's Innovation Center we are working on a collaborative effort for a business resource center along with an entrepreneurial program through the university. The entrepreneurial

program we're implementing is entitled 'Stimulating and Enhancing Entrepreneurial Development,' or SEED. which will provide structure to mentor, educate and provide angel funding for new business entrepreneurs. This program is a collaborative effort between USU, B.E. County, Tremonton, Brigham City and Grow Utah Ventures.

"After over 18 months of effort on the part of Brigham City, Box Elder County, and the Economic Development Corporation of Utah, we recently celebrated Nucor Building Systems, a division of Nucor Steel, announcement to build a new plant in Brigham City. This plant will provide over 200 new jobs at an average salary of \$56,000, with a capital investment of \$27 million. Nucor is an excellent corporate citizen and will support numerous community programs and initiatives.

"GEM Buildings is a home-grown business that is experiencing significant growth. Since the City began working with GEM, the company has added 50 new jobs primarily in design and engineering with high salaries. The City is working with GEM to facilitate the construction of a new office building that will house many of these new employees.

"Box Elder County is extremely fortunate to have Procter & Gamble consider building a new plant in this area. It will be the first time in over 30 years that they have constructed a plant from the ground up. Procter & Gamble is number 25 on the Fortune 500 list of businesses, among the top 100 companies to work for and is approaching \$80 billion in profits. The products they produce touch our lives daily. We recently had the opportunity to visit the plant in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Brigham City's infrastructure will provide between 3 to 4 million gallons a day of surplus-culinary water and treat approximately 70% of that water in our Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plant.

"Elected officials in Cape Girardeau County placed a billboard along the freeway in Cape Girardeau County to thank Procter and Gamble for their positive impact to their County. Nothing but praise was offered about Procter & Gamble's plant by these public officials. They emphasized the multitude of benefits Procter & Gamble provides to the area. We learned that Procter & Gamble is very family oriented and has a turnover rate of only 3% which produces a very stable work force.

"Presiding Commissioner Gerald Jones from Cape Girardeau County indicated to me that most of their County revenues consist of sales tax which is a direct result from Procter and Gamble's success. The high paying jobs created by Procter & Gamble attract employees who want to locate in the area and purchase homes. These employees spend their money in the area which in turn increases the need for more commercial businesses and services. Additional companies want to relocate to the area to offer consumer and business support for Procter & Gamble. This validates our philosophy of the need to create high paying jobs which create a need for housing which in turn increases sales tax revenues through the purchasing of goods and services.

"Cape Girardeau's Mayor Scott Knudson said that Procter & Gamble is the heart of their economy and because of its stability the whole area has virtually been immune from the economic instabilities facing the rest of the nation.

"Over the last year the Commuter Rail Task Force, the City and UTA have made substantial progress on bringing commuter rail to Brigham City. In August of 2007 the final draft of the Brigham City Transit Corridor study was completed. This was made possible through the efforts of Congressman Rob Bishop for securing the \$225,000 in federal funds needed for the study. The study included planning the phasing in of Commuter Rail with phase one being 'DMU's' (Diesel Multiple units) and phase two being 'Front Runner' as soon as 2015.

"In November of 2007 Brigham City, Willard and Perry City placed Opinion Question #1 on the ballot. With

an enormous amount of support and effort put forth by the Brigham Area Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Utah Transportation Alliance, Opinion Question #1 passed with an amazing 68% approval margin. The passing of the sales tax will allow funding for local transit needs including Commuter Rail. The

1/4 of a percent increase in sales tax will generate approximately \$800,000 a year. UTA will hold the money

in an interest bearing escrow account. By 2015 the account will generate approximately \$ 6.5 million. Monies collected could be used for the local match of federal dollars. Capital costs for Commuter Rail will range from \$20 to \$45 million.

"After over five years of effort on the part of Brigham City and other communities, the UTOPIA network began construction in March of 2007. Brigham City has worked for the past two years to help UTOPIA secure financing on the second phase of the network through a \$60 million loan from the Rural Utility Service of the Department of Agriculture. Senator Bob Bennett was a key player in the process for

approval of this loan. This funding will finance the construction of the network in Brigham City and six other

UTOPIA cities under 20,000 in population.

"The UTOPIA network will provide all residents and businesses of Brigham City with the opportunity to connect to a fiber optic network with bandwidth that is currently unheard of in a City of our size. We as citizens will have the benefits of lower costs due to competition in telecommunication services. Currently, the City is 36% built out.

"Focus Area Two is Quality of Life.

"Brigham City has a quality of life that is unsurpassed. The June 9th Heritage Arts Festival on the Bill of Rights Plaza was Rockin' and Rollin' with 50's music, a 50's theme car show and Elvis! The events of the day kicked off with a flag ceremony and a patriotic send off of the National Guard's 145th Field Artillery who were being deployed to Iraq.

"ATK Propulsions partnered with Brigham City Corporation to celebrate 50 years of rockets in Box Elder County. Historical photos could be found in the atrium at Brigham City Hall as well as a round table of Thiokol retirees. Games for the kids and artisans on the plaza interacting with the community as they demonstrated spoon making, broom making and everything in between made for a great community event.

"The July 4th Celebration was a tremendous success complete with the traditional patriotic program in the morning, family games at the park during the day, and culminating in an outstanding fireworks display that evening. These events could not take place without City staff and volunteer effort.

"Peach Days continues to grow with great enthusiasm. It seems to get bigger and better every year. The Chamber, with the help of our City staff, does such an outstanding job in organizing and overseeing this great celebration.

"Brigham City Redevelopment Agency has received funding to start the restoration of the Box Elder Music and Dance Academy building. Total federal funding is \$1.1 million. A consultant will be selected to develop

a plan that will determine the most efficient use of the funding. The steering committee will continue fund raising efforts. A 501C3 has been established to accept donations. To date the City has received over \$9,000 in unsolicited donations for this project.

"The Modern Cleaners Building demolition is a major step towards developing the plaza area between City Hall and the Dance Academy. It was a terrific example of what the Public Works Department can achieve when division lines are crossed and staff and resources are used in a team effort. The majority of the work was completed by City employees. The only outside help used was in the rental of two tandem dump trucks for hauling debris to the landfill. By working together the project was completed within a week with a

savings over \$23,000.

"The City was approached by Mr. V. Jay Wadman about funds he would like to donate to the City to build a family sports court in memory of a family member, Carl Wadman. Work began on the new Wadman Sports Court at Pioneer Park in June. This project was a joint effort between Wadman Construction, Rhino Court, Recreation, Streets and Parks. The Public Works Department Crews worked with the Recreation Department and Public Power to complete this project. Work included: grading, excavation, landscaping, irrigation & culinary water lines. The project was completed in October and has been a very popular addition to the City's recreational opportunities.

"Phase I construction on the West Forest Street Trail system to the Bird Refuge began in October 2007. This is a joint effort between Brigham City and UDOT and is being completed through a federal grant. Phase II will get underway next year.

"Meals on Wheels is a vital program of Brigham City Senior Center. 232 homebound individuals were recipients of almost 35,000 meals during the fiscal 2006-07 year. This could not be accomplished without the efforts of more than 200 citizen volunteers delivering 16 different routes covering southeastern Box Elder County.

"Congregate lunches are served five days per week to seniors, eligible disabled children and volunteers. Over 1000 different individuals ate at the senior center with over 39 thousand meals served. The center takes every opportunity to keep costs for these meals as low as possible. Four local businesses sponsor some of these meals throughout the year to help offset costs. Interns from Workforce Services and inmates from Box Elder County Jail have the opportunity to learn job skills while helping the Center maintain lower costs. Without their assistance, the center would have to hire more cooks and most likely resort to a waiting list for meals on wheels.

"Volunteers provide service in nearly every area at the Center. They are the teachers of the classes and

the fitness instructors. They help to cook, package and serve the meals. They answer phones, enter computer data, and file important papers. They drive our buses, dispatch, shred papers and wipe off fingerprints. They make jam, work our fundraisers and provide necessary support. They teach classes such as beginning and advanced Spanish, Beginning Computer, Oil Painting, Watercolors, Ceramics, Crocheting and Japanese Bunka Embroidery. Other classes offered throughout the year include glass etching, soap making, card stamping, scrap booking, and beading. Fitness classes are important in maintaining flexibility and range of motion. Classes offered include: Tai Chi, Sit and Be Fit, Line Dance, square dance, tap dance, yoga and access to fitness equipment. Fitness classes are utilized by more than 150 people. All teachers volunteer their services to keep the classes affordable for everyone.

“Senior Transit service began in January with the hiring of a bus driver and a dispatcher. This service is targeted to seniors who are unable to access the UTA Lift bus. Volunteers are also used for dispatching and reporting. More than 1000 trips were provided in 2008 to 46 clients. The Senior Center became a vendor for the Department of Vocational Rehab in August. This allows the Center to receive reimbursement from the State for providing transportation for the disabled to their worksites.

“Medicare counseling is one of the many services provided at the Senior Center. Three trainers received more than 20 hours of training to assist 400 seniors in choosing the best Medicare prescription drug plans. This service is offered year round with the biggest emphasis during open enrollment period in November and December.

“The Museum-Gallery is a popular attraction throughout northern Utah. The museum added 21 more items to its permanent collection of 1,500 artifacts. Among them were an 1870 handcrafted table, World War II medals, and a 1920 hand-built radio. Recently, an 1870 mahogany-grained pine table made in Brigham City by an unidentified furniture maker was acquired. This adds to the already significant collection of early

Brigham City furniture. The museum has about 20 pieces in good condition with original finishes. Less than half are on display and are in the pioneer home period rooms.

“Ten rotating art exhibits were presented during the year. Among the best were ‘50 Years of Rocketry’ and ‘Fiber Arts Invitational.’ Both were regionally important and attracted Brigham City and Wasatch front visitors. The history area of the museum weaves protected historic artifacts alongside interactive displays. Work in this area during 2007 included finishing a modular tool case and building exhibits for a clothing room.

“Museum staff helped the Merrell family explore options to maintain their Planing Mill as a viable historic site. Four service projects were accomplished at the mill. These involved painting the wooden annex and cutting down weeds and sapling trees.

“Museum staff helped the Sons of the Utah Pioneers design a new roof for the Relief Society Granary. A \$6,000 grant was awarded from the State Division of History to complete the roof before June 2008. The #1 historic house in the City is the Peter Forsgren home on 100 E. When it was threatened with demolition, museum staff worked with the owners to establish a list of potential buyers who would restore the house.

“The City received a fossil collection donation from 90 year old Lloyd Gunther who has spent his life gathering fossils. Recently, Lloyd Gunther was videotaped. He told stories about his life as a collector of pre-historic fossils and minerals, and talked about some of his favorite artifacts. This two hour video will be edited and segments will be used for exhibit education. Larry Douglas received a grant from the State Office of Museum Services for a \$6,000 project to make fifteen wall cases that are currently being fabricated for this Gunther Natural History Collection. This is a wonderful addition to our City and we look forward to working with the Gunther family in establishing this exhibit. Recently a task force was created to

find a temporary location to place the collection until a permanent place can be established.

“Last November the Library’s staff administered a customer service survey. The results were very complimentary to the circulation staff: Out of a high rating of 5, Courtesy of Staff received a 4.8 rating, Accuracy received a 4.8 rating and Overall Satisfaction received a 4.8 rating. The Library staff is to be commended for these high ratings. The Library staff gives patrons the opportunity twice a year to take a similar survey and each time the results show a very high level of service.

“The Library’s public internet terminals are among the most used resources. The wireless connection is also continually increasing in popularity. More and more patrons are coming in to take advantage of this great resource. Even on Sundays or holiday closures, people can be seen parked in their cars surfing the Internet! Many citizens need help learning how to access information on the Internet. Several have expressed an interest in beginning Internet classes and past classes have been well attended.

“Leisure Services consists of 5 departments including the Cemetery, Golf Course, Recreation,

Communities that Care and the Youth Volunteer Center. These departments provide necessary and important services to the citizens of Brigham City and surrounding communities.

“The Recreation Department is a continuously running machine. There is never “down time” in Recreation. In 2007 the Brigham City Recreation Department ran 54 leagues and programs with over 5,000 participants. There were over 8,000 hours logged by coaches and other volunteers. The Recreation Department is involved with 11 special events such as the 4th of July, Senior Fitness Day, and Ice Fishing Festival, to name a few. This department has grown from 23 total events in 1998 to 65 in 2007. We are constantly looking for new programs to serve the community.

“Recreation is an essential component of Brigham City. This past year we were approached by St. George City representatives about the possibilities surrounding softball and the economic advantage it could bring to our City. The Christensen Farm property has been purchased and is currently undergoing design work for a new sports complex site. This sports complex will include softball, soccer, football, lacrosse, disc golf, tennis, and walking trails among other venues.

“The Brigham City Pool is a busy place in the summertime months. The pool was rented out for private parties every available night this past year. The pool is open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

“Eagle Mountain Golf Junior Program continues to be rated as one of the top programs in the State of Utah. The Clubs for Kids program continues to introduce kids to golf. A record number of field trips were taken to the golf course in 2007. Through some of the efforts originated at Eagle Mountain, we will see for the first time ever a High School Girls golf team in 2008.

“With the help of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Wal-Mart Distribution the water tank at Eagle Mountain Golf Course was cleaned up and painted. This project cleaned up the old eye sore and left us with a beautiful landmark.

“The latest marketing program has been successful. In 2006 the course had 52,000 rounds of play and in 2007 we finished with about 56,500 rounds of play an increase of 4,500 rounds. Some of this could be due to great weather conditions but our ability to market through the internet is probably our biggest contributor. This year the department had a goal to reach \$652,000 worth of revenue and at the end of November the department had exceeded that goal at \$677,000 which is \$15,000 than anticipated.

“In 2007 the Golf Course saw increased cooperation and help between City Departments. One of the projects accomplished through this cooperation was the improvement of Hole #16’s water hazard. In addition, the City was approached by a property owner whose property adjoined City property along 700 south adjacent to the Golf Course, to landscape the street parkway. The ground was leveled, a sprinkler system and sod was installed which enhanced both properties.

“The Brigham City Cemetery’s goal is to be professional and compassionate when dealing with the families of the deceased and the general public, and to maintain the Cemetery in beauty and serenity. This past summer the Cemetery hosted an area wide cemetery equipment expo. Vendors and Cemetery workers from all over northern Utah came to Brigham City for this event.

“It takes more than just programs and organizations to build a community that is committed to improving the lives of our youth. The Youth Commission Youth Empowerment Team works to mobilize everyone in our community to get involved in some way. They have been instrumental in measuring their prevention results. Downward trends have been found in alcohol usage, violence and bullying. Over 350 families have been educated in the Strengthening Families program. Brigham City was recently named as one of the nation’s top 100 Best Communities for Young People in 2008 by America’s Promise Alliance. More than 300 communities applied and the winning communities span 37 states. We are one of the 31st first time winners and the first community in Utah to win. This is a great honor for our City and reflects the value we place on our youth.

“Public Safety is Focus Area Three.

“Brigham City has placed weather monitoring equipment in the Mantua valley that will alert Consolidated Dispatch of severe weather or excessive amounts of rain or snow that have fallen. Hopefully, this will give Emergency Services departments time to prepare for the run off that may follow and mitigate flooding within the City. This will support the rebuild of the Box Elder Creek.

“Brigham City and Brigham City Chamber of Commerce were recognized for their partnership in preparedness. They were the only ones nominated in the city/non profit category. 102 businesses completed the 12 Point Ready Your Business program. On a per capita basis, Brigham City leads the State in businesses completing this program.

“Brigham City received the Storm Ready award from the National Weather Service. We are the 9th City to receive this recognition in the State. The All Hazards Preparedness Fair was held and over 900 people attended. This was sponsored by the Citizen Corps Council. Plans are underway to host this event again.

“Over \$100,000 in grants for Emergency Services equipment and training was distributed to many City

departments. This was also in partnership with Box Elder County. New 2008 grant monies will be available in the amount of \$102 thousand. This brings the total of grant funding that Brigham City/Box Elder County has received from various homeland security grant sources to over \$3 million. The NRCS (Box Elder Creek rebuild) has now reached to \$3.8 million dollars. This gives the City a total of \$6.8 million dollars for

Emergency Services.

“Citizen Corps Council is up and running at full capacity and has taken on several major accomplishments including: support of the disaster fair, selling of first aid kits and 72 hour kits to the public and support in the various table top exercises with City staff.

“Brigham City is NIMS compliant with the Federal government. This allows Brigham City to continue to participate in the various grant programs. City staff and volunteer organizations have taken part in various table top and functional exercises to ensure that Brigham City is disaster ready.

“The Ambulance Department has 31 paid on-call employees. It is the 2nd busiest ambulance service in Utah. The department received grants of over \$27,000 from Homeland Security for equipment and training and over \$8,500 from the Bureau of EMS for training and communications. Last year the department personnel received advanced Life Support training on reading heart tracings and the treatment of them. They were allowed use of additional cardiac drugs and given Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support Training on dealing with trauma. Disaster drills were conducted with the Medical Reserve Corps and joint training was held with other departments to improve interoperability. Follow up exercises will be held this spring.

“Currently in the Fire Department we have 37 paid on-call employees and openings for three new members. “In 2007 firefighters responded to 304 service requests. Nine fire fighters completed the fire fighter one course at Logan campus of Bridgerland. The department now has 96% of their members certified at fire fighter one status.

“The fleet has been reduced by two vehicles with the purchase of the new aerial platform truck. Our ISO rating is very good for a paid on-call department. Work is under way for a re-evaluation and the possible lowering to a 4 rating thereby resulting in a possible savings to home owners insurance. We want to thank our firefighters for their dedicated service including a very successful 4th of July fireworks display.

“Grants are a critical part of the Police Department’s operating ability, they fund new technologies, pay for special investigative units, support prevention and education projects. The ‘Rhino’ ATV was acquired from the State of Utah through an Alcohol Education and Enforcement grant. It will be used in the enforcement of alcohol related incidents as well as the education of the public including the effects of alcohol impaired driving.

“The Narcotics Strike Force small Mobile Office was obtained from a Federal Drug Enforcement Grant. The trailer is equipped with instruments for drug detection and collection. Protective clothing and self contained breathing apparatus are also housed in the trailer. Unlike the previous analog system, the new digital camera system eliminates the handling of the recorded content. Rather, the system automatically downloads the recorded images, via Wi-Fi, to an internal server. This provides us with a computer driven records management system. This mobile office provides us with a computer driven records management system.

“Responsive Government is Focus Area Four

“The final phase of the \$24 million airport project was completed this year. It was the most difficult phase of the project; it included buying and selling hangers, relocation of businesses and Fixed Base Operators. But it was also one of the most rewarding parts of the whole project. Phase III was the part of the project where all of the past planning and design took its final shape and the dreams of a fully functional regional airport were realized.

“The airport runway is strengthened to handle a 737 Jet Plane. The new entrance road allows better visibility and access to the airport. The full length taxiway increases airplane traffic safety and traffic efficiency. An updated and upgraded Pilot’s Lounge will provide a more comfortable place for pilots of business jets to wait which will improve the image of both the airport and Brigham City. Increased security is afforded by the new perimeter security fence as well as increasing safety by reducing the chance of wildlife on the airport property and runway.

“In July of 2006 the City issued a \$6 million bond for storm drain projects to provide a system that would alleviate flooding of private property from storm water flow. The project was designed and broken up into four construction phases.

“Phase I consisted of a storm drain pipe/open ditch combination to convey storm water to a newly constructed detention basin just north of 1100 South and East of the railroad tracks. This phase was completed during the summer of 2007.

- Phase II consisted of a storm drain pipeline being installed from a drainage ditch just North of Jack

Francis Trucking, under Watery Lane and West to discharge storm water into the Black Slough. This phase was also completed during the summer of 2007.

- Phase III consists of a storm drain pipeline from 900 north and Main Street to approximately 1250 west and 1500 north. This phase is currently under construction and should be finished spring of 2008. The Phase III outfall will empty into the Reeder Flood way. The Reeder Floodway consists of 136 acres that was purchased as part of the project during the summer of 2007; the floodway will be developed as part of Phase IV.

- Phase IV consists of the construction of a storm drain detention pond on approximately 8 acres that was purchased in the spring of 2007, and the construction of the Reeder Floodway. This phase will be completed during the summer of 2008.

“The storm drain bond has also helped solve several problem areas in the City that have typically had storm drain issues during many rain storms. Last fall the project to place storm drain along 5th West from 100 South to 600 South was completed. The bond also paid for storm drain to be installed in the Discovery Grove Subdivision (Brigham City was the Developer). The City will now become a responsible manager of its storm water controlling discharge into the future.

“The Bear River Access Road project will reconstruct the existing road from I-15 west to the existing road terminus. The new road design will enhance recreational opportunities while expanding visitation to the Bear River Bird Refuge and the new Visitor Center. Total federal funding is approximately \$28 million of which \$10 million will be spent on the portion located in Brigham City.

“To encourage Brigham City residents to switch to the more energy efficient compact fluorescent lights, Brigham City Public Power has and will continue with the CFL give away program. This is a great way for the City to introduce compact fluorescent lights to customers in hopes they will increase the use of these in their homes. Each household can obtain free of charge two compact fluorescent lights. Residents may pick up their free lights at Brigham City Hall where they pay their utility bill. Compact fluorescent lights use

1/4 of the energy that incandescent bulbs do and will last seven to ten times longer.

“The refrigerator rebate program has seen great results and Brigham City Public Power will continue working with the public to decrease residential refrigeration loads through the removal and recycling of inefficient models of both refrigerators and freezers. This is a win/win program for Brigham City residents as customers receive a \$20 rebate and Brigham City Public Power pays for removal and recycling. To qualify customers must allow the removal of their existing appliances for recycling. All appliances must be plugged in and working. Minimum size of the appliance is 10 cubic feet.

“The First Phase of the wind study for the Department of Energy Grant is nearly completed. Anemometers located on this tower in the mouth of Box Elder Canyon have been measuring wind velocity for the past year. The measurements indicate that the wind at that location averages 11.5MPH. Wind below the 7MPH range would not be feasible. One wind tower will power 300 homes. Once the migratory bird study is completed the Council will need to decide on the feasibility of wind energy for our City.

“During the 2007/08 budgeting process the City Council determined that the West Forest Street Green Waste composting site needed to move to a new location. The site was becoming too small and was also not compatible for the W. Forest Street Master plan. It was recommended that a new site be established that would provide separate operations for both the green waste and bio-solids composting facilities at a convenient location.

“The two types of compost will remain independent but share operators and equipment. Land acquisition will be accomplished by using revenues from the \$2.00 a month sewer rate increase to the sanitary sewer bill. The money is being placed in a restricted fund specifically for this purpose. In early September 2007 the Public Works Department reorganized and moved responsibility for the Green Waste site from the Street Division to the Waste Water Treatment Plant so the process of integrating the two sites could begin. A site search will begin this spring.

“The Inspection Department found that building permit valuations increased dramatically in 2007 mostly because of Nucor. We are projecting that an existing large manufacturer will expand their business in 2008. Other commercial developments are in the conceptual planning process. Over 1,700 inspections are performed annually. Total permit valuations reached \$47 million.

“Brigham City’s Inspection Department currently holds an ISO rating of 2 putting it in the upper tiers of departments across the state which lowers our commercial and resident’s insurance rates.

“Growth in relationship to building permits issued has remained constant over the past four years. However, we have two new major subdivision developments about to unfold and one that has started the process. These combined developments could potentially provide more than five hundred lots for single family dwellings. We also have several large multiple family dwelling units that are currently under

construction. The advent of Procter & Gamble could further spawn development in prime areas that may become part of our City.

“Code Enforcement handled 693 complaints. They are responsible for the removal of illegal signs, contacting owners about property issues, and following up on any citizen concerns concerning Brigham City Codes. They are also responsible to assist the Neighborhood Pride Council in improving our community. Business license renewals consisted of 812 licenses being issued. Along with these permanent licenses there were 311 temporary and solicitor licenses issued. Planning & Zoning approved 71 Conditional Use Permits, prepared 15 design reviews and permitted uses, reviewed 16 Subdivision and PUD applications, and they updated and rewrote the Brigham City Subdivision Ordinance.

“New Programs

“Last fall during the Utah League of Cities and Towns conference, I learned that residents in many cities and towns do not know who provides services for the quality of life they enjoy. Some think that school districts provide for parks, swimming pools and recreation facilities; others just don’t know. Cities were encouraged to educate their citizenry about the amenities they provide by displaying logos at City recreation areas, facilities and on equipment. The Main Street banner is one example of what Brigham City is doing to get the word out. We are striving to “Make Life Better” for all of us who live, work and play

in Brigham City. This logo will be displayed more throughout the coming year.

“Plans to kick off a new Wellness Program called the “Sights and Sounds of Summer” are being implemented by our Recreation Department. The program will be built around healthy lifestyle choices and family activities. The City and local businesses will join forces during the months of June, July and August to sponsor free family tennis lessons, walking classes, disc golf demonstrations, golfing activities, family basketball contests, safety fairs, concerts and many more great activities for our citizens. The program will use a punch card system to reward individuals that participate and conclude with the End of Summer Bash for the grand finale. The objective is to highlight the many great activities that a family can have in our community while promoting healthy lifestyles along the way.

“This year we will be working with the Employees Coordinating Committee and the Recreation Department

to create an employee wellness program. Research is currently in process for consideration of rewarding City employees for healthy lifestyle habits. More information on this program will be coming in the next several months.